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Mark your calendar...

Annual state student financial aid workshops

May 9 — Yakima Valley Community College

May 10 — Spokane Falls Community College

May 12 — North Seattle Community College

May 13 — Centralia College

These one-day workshops, offered at four locations, will provide training and 2005-06 updates on the State Need Grant, State Work Study, Educational Opportunity Grant and smaller aid programs.

There is no registration. We will send an agenda, meeting room locations, and parking information to aid administrators in April. If you have questions, please contact Katie Youngers at katiey@hecb.wa.gov or (360) 753-7859.

HECB solicits feedback on financial aid program manuals

The staff of the HECB is soliciting ideas for improvement of the financial aid program manuals. If you use our financial aid program manuals, please tell us what you think about them, specifically their content, format, and ease of use. Let us know if you have any difficulty interpreting our policies based on the explanations in the manuals. Send your comments and ideas to Katie Youngers at katiey@hecb.wa.gov, or call her at (360) 753-7859.

Governor's budget is released

Higher education well-served by proposals

Governor Gregoire today released her budget proposal for the 2005-07 biennium. The budget includes \$26.9 million in new financial aid grant funding, much of which is intended to offset proposed tuition increases of 5 percent at the state's four-year institutions, and 3 percent at the community and technical colleges. This tuition-matching increase would apply to the Washington Scholars and WAVE programs and the State Need Grant, and for the first time, it would also apply to the State Work Study program. Additionally, the governor's budget proposes an increase in the value of the Promise Scholarship, from \$1,176 to \$1,200 per student per year.

"The governor's budget looks very good in terms of financial aid," said Becki Collins, HECB director of student financial assistance. "We're hopeful that her proposals for higher education will be carried through and adopted by the Legislature."

The proposal also provides \$90 million to boost enrollment by 6,600 full-time students to meet rising demand.

The governor's budget is available online at:
<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/budget/highlights/>.

Health Professional Loan Repayment and Scholarship programs

Application deadline is approaching for students in high-demand fields

Applications for the Health Professional Loan Repayment and Scholarship programs (HPLRS) are due no later than **April 29**. Students pursuing degrees in many health professions are eligible; however priority for 2005-06 academic year program funds will be given to those applicants enrolled in undergraduate nursing, nursing faculty, dental, dental hygienist, and pharmacist programs who demonstrate a commitment to rural communities and underserved populations.

More information is available by contacting the Office of Community and Rural Health at 360-236-2816. You can download an application online at:
www.hecb.wa.gov/paying/waaidprgm/health.asp.

Comings and Going at the HECB...

One sad goodbye, two happy hellos!

The HECB recently said goodbye to longtime employee **Linda Langan**. Linda served as program manager for the EOG, WICHE/WUE, and Community Scholarship Matching Grant programs.

While we are sad to see her go, Linda has earned a fabulous retirement through her 30 years of dedicated service to the state of Washington.

Congratulations Linda!

Picking up some of the slack in Linda's area, **Marlena Rae Robbins** was hired as a program coordinator to assist program manager Dawn Cypriano-McAferly. Marlena came to us from Centralia College where she worked as a program assistant for the financial aid division.

And **Kathy Davis** has joined the Promise Scholarship program as a program coordinator. Kathy was previously a secretary with the Peninsula School District.

Welcome Marlena & Kathy!

State Work Study Advisory Committee met this month

On March 15, the State Work Study (SWS) Advisory Committee met at Highline Community College. Several HECB staff members were on hand to give a context briefing about higher education, aid to needy students statewide, state aid programs, and specifics about the SWS program itself.

The main topic of discussion centered around one of the program's statutory purposes: "to provide these students, wherever possible, with employment related to their academic or vocational pursuits." Members provided staff with valuable viewpoints and input as they think about how they can demonstrate and document that this purpose is being carried out in a way that can be linked to the performance measures that all state agencies are being required to adopt.

One clear message is that students often hold the final choice in where they work. Also, more can be done to educate students about the long term importance of locating part-time employment that supports both their initial efforts to clarify their academic and professional interests, as well as helping "decided" students work in progressively responsible related positions.

The staff expect to consult with members between meetings electronically. They expect to convene again in early fall.

Serving on the committee are:

Rachelle Sharpe – WFAA (Cascadia Community College)

Bob Yohnka – WSASEA (Seattle Pacific University)

Clara Capron – Western Washington University

Thayne McCulloh – Gonzaga University

Alex Montoya – Clark College

Debbie Solomon – Renton Technical College

Erik Tingelstad – Highline Community College

Bob Hille – Eastern Washington University

Monique Theriault – Cornish College of the Arts

Rosalind Monteros – King County

Nancy Pringle – Washington Service Corps

U.S. Department of Education publishes SEOG chart

Washington can use 96.54 percent of its grants for matching funds

The U.S. Department of Education has published its chart indicating the percentage of state grants that may be considered as matching funds for the SEOG program. For Washington, 96.54 percent of State Need Grants may be considered as match. The U.S. Department of Education announcement can be found at: <http://www.ifap.ed.gov/dpclatters/CB0503.html>.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact HECB Associate Director John Klacik at 360-753-7851 or johnk@hecb.wa.gov.

U.S. House passes bill that would authorize new grants to community colleges

The House of Representatives has passed the Job Training Improvement Act (HR 27), which reauthorizes the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

One provision of the bill authorizes grants to two-year institutions to provide job training in high-growth, high-skill fields with labor shortages.

Funding for the legislation would come from a separate appropriations bill, not yet considered.

Business Career Training Institute closes its doors

The Business Career Training Institute (BCTI) closed all of its campuses on March 11. Students who are affected can contact the following state and federal agencies for help:

For outstanding federal loans: U.S. Department of Education,
206-615-2594

For tuition recovery and/or questions about transcripts: Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, 360-753-5673

About veterans' benefits: Veterans' Administration, 888-772-4551

Legislative hearings on financial aid and select higher education issues: March 21 – March 25

You can listen to hearings — live or from the archives — on [TVW's Web site](#).

Monday, March 21:

House Appropriations, 3:30 p.m., House Hearing Room A

Work session:

- Governor Gregoire's proposed 2005-07 operating budget

Public hearing:

- E2SSB 5441 – Requiring an education and higher education finance study

Senate Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education, 3:30 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 1

Public hearing:

- SHB 1100 – Creating a state financial aid account
- E2SHB 1794 – Expanding access to baccalaureate degree programs
- Various board appointments

Tuesday, March. 22:

House Higher Education, 1:30 p.m., House Hearing Room C

Public hearing:

- Senate bills referred to committee

Work session:

- Alternative Routes to Teacher Certification: Washington State Institute for Public Policy Evaluation.
- Community and Technical Colleges Centers of Excellence.

Wednesday, March. 23:

Senate Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education, 8 a.m., Senate Hearing Room 1

Public hearing:

- 2SHB 1050 – Creating a foster care endowed scholarship program
- ESHB 1079 – Establishing a foster youth postsecondary education and training coordination committee

Thursday, March. 24:

House Higher Education, 8 a.m., House Hearing Room B

Work session:

- University/Business Partnerships in Research and Economic Development.

Senate Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education, 3:30 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 1

Public hearing:

- HB 2021 – Modifying provisions in the advanced college tuition payment program
- Various board appointments

Friday, March. 25:

Senate Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education, 8 a.m., Senate Hearing Room 1

Public hearing:

- ESHB 1607 – Including members of the Samish Indian Nation for purposes of resident tuition

Possible executive session on bills heard in committee





House Higher Education, 1:30 p.m., House Hearing Room C

Work session:

- Implementation of the 2004 Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education.
- Update on Implementation of ESHB 3103 on Higher Education Coordinating Board Roles and Responsibilities (from 2004 Session).

Bills of interest by subject

For current information about the status of a bill, visit the Washington State Legislature's Web site: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/bills.cfm>.

Bill numbers Senate House	Sponsors	Description	Passed house of origin	Passed opposite house	Signed by Governor
Financial Aid and Scholarships					
SSB 5759	Weinstein	Broadens support for the Washington state achievers' scholarship. Appropriates up to \$1 million to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to support community volunteer mentors working with achievers' scholars.			
HB 1550	Santos				
SHB 1100	Kenney	Establishes a state financial aid account. The purpose of the account is to ensure that financial aid appropriations are reserved to provide financial assistance to Washington college students.			
SHB 1345	Hasegawa	Expands eligibility for the State Need Grant to students who are attending less than half-time. Minimum attendance would be lowered to the equivalent of four credit hours per quarter. This bill was amended with a "null and void" clause. This means that the bill can only become law if it is sufficiently funded in the budget.			
Foster Care recipient education					
ESSB 5084	McAuliffe	Establishes a committee to investigate educational outcomes for foster youth. Committee would assess needs, identify funding sources, review effectiveness of current educational opportunities, identify new activities, and review resources in an ongoing capacity in regard to postsecondary education for foster youth. Senate version ensures that eligible foster care youth will receive State Need Grants and be given priority for State Work Study awards.			
ESHB 1079	Kagi				

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Foster Care recipient education, continued					
2SHB 1050	Kenney	Creates a foster care endowed scholarship. Substitute version eliminates \$150,000 appropriation included in original.	✓		
Washington Promise Scholarship					
SB 5001	Honeyford	Allows for Promise scholarships to be used at institutions in Oregon when the commute distance for a Washington resident is shorter than to a Washington institution.			
SB 5075 HB 1077	Kohl-Welles Kenney	Expands Promise eligibility to the top 20% of high school graduates. Current cutoff is 15%.			
Issues relating to minority students					
SB 5021	Jacobsen	Establishes the Hispanic American endowed scholarship. This program would be similar to the existing American Indian endowed scholarship, which was also initially proposed by Senator Jacobsen.			
ESHB 1607	Strow	Adds the Samish Indian Nation to the list of recognized tribes for whom Washington state residency is assumed for the purpose of tuition and fees.	✓		
College courses for high school students					
SB 5076	McAuliffe	These bills establish statewide rules and consistency for the College in the High School program. Currently this program exists in many areas, but is not regulated in regard to funding and administration.			
SB 5843	McAuliffe				
SHB 1076	Kenney				
SSB 5360	Brandland	Substitute version calls for a study of the correlation between performance on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning and success in Running Start.	✓		

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College courses for high school students, continued					
HB 1399	Quall	Authorizes public tribal colleges that are authorized by the HECB to operate as degree-granting institutions to participate in the Running Start program.	✓		
Miscellaneous					
ESSB 5506	Kohl-Welles	Requires institutions to develop policies on credit card marketing to students on college campuses, considering material inducements, limits on times and locations, and registration of marketers.	✓		
SHB 1894	Chase				

Online resources for tracking and analyzing legislation

Full text of bills and supporting materials: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/bills.cfm>

Complete legislative hearing schedule: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm>

Live and archived Web broadcast of all hearings: <http://www.tvw.org>

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